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Small Entities Affected: None

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Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Prerule Stage

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1795. TRAINING OF LESSEE AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1332

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.210; 30 CFR 250.211; 30 CFR 250.212; 30 CFR 250.213; 30 CFR 250.214; 30 CFR 250.215

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: MMS feels that the current regulations in 30 CFR 250 need to be updated to provide the flexibility to use new technology and innovative programs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/05/94	59 FR 39991

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ANPRM Comment 01/00/96

Period End

ANPRM 10/00/96

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1796. REVISION OF REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING CORPORATE SURETY BONDS FOR OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250; 30 CFR 251; 30 CFR 256

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend current regulations requiring lessee surety bonds. The value of surety bonds required by current regulations for leases approved before November 27, 1993, is not adequate to protect the government from loss due to lessees' failure to comply with the terms of OCS leases. This rule embodies a comprehensive approach to the complex problems associated with the movement of smaller operators into the OCS. The potential costs are the increase in cost to obtain a higher level of bond coverage. Benefits would be the enhancement of smaller operators' ability to provide necessary surety, and to provide greater protection of the public interest by reducing the potential for losses to the government.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/95	
NPRM Comment	01/00/96	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AB92

1797. REVISION OF AUTHORIZED BIDDING SYSTEMS FOR LEASES IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334(a)

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 256

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will better enable MMS to set lease terms in reaction to

changing oil and gas market conditions by offering leases at royalty rates that reflect lower market prices. This rule will allow modification of the minimum royalty from 12-1/2 percent of the production amount or value to an effectively lower rate that would be described in the lease terms portion of a sale's final notice. This lower rate could be designated over the life of the lease as a constant or sliding scale measure, or it could emerge as a result of the lessee's fulfillment of specified conditions (e.g., no royalties would be due until production reaches a designated level or a predetermined capital cost allowance is recovered). MMS expects to better respond to changing market conditions because of this modification and believes that this action will cause increased bidding competition for new leases. For those selected tracts offered under a reduced royalty bidding system, the proposed rule is expected to bolster domestic production and maintain or increase employment in the oil and gas sector.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/23/95	60 FR 43735
NPRM Comment	10/23/95	60 FR 43795
Period End		
Final Action	07/00/96	

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Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AB93

1798. TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING ALLOWANCES FOR OIL AND GAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 396; 25 USC 2102; 30 USC 181; 30 USC 351; 30 USC 1001; 30 USC 1701; 30 USC 1301; 30 USC 1331; 30 USC 1801

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: A study group was formed to review regulatory requirements that became effective on March 1, 1988. This group proposed changes to the forms and submission requirements and the method for calculating assessments. The minerals industry and the general public will be requested to comment on the proposed changes to the rules on transportation and processing allowances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/07/95	60 FR 40127
NPRM Comment Period End	10/06/95	60 FR 40127

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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RIN: 1010-AB94

1799. TRANSPORTATION AND WASHING ALLOWANCES FOR COAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 396; 25 USC 2101; 30 USC 181; 30 USC 351; 30 USC 1001; 30 USC 1701; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301; 43 USC 1331; 43 USC 1801

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is designed to improve MMS's administration of allowances and to provide incentives for payors to comply with the reporting requirements of the regulations. It will amend the current regulatory requirements for allowance forms submission, amend the allowance payback and late payment charges for forms that are not filed on time, retain the need for regulatory approval thresholds, and propose alternative approaches to administering allowances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/07/95	60 FR 40120
NPRM Comment Period End	10/06/95	60 FR 40120
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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RIN: 1010-AC00

1800. VALUATION OF GAS PRODUCTION—FEDERAL LEASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 25 USC 396; 25 USC 2101; 30 USC 181; 30 USC

351; 30 USC 1001; 30 USC 1701; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301; 43 USC 1331; 43 USC 1801

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends regulations regarding the valuation of gas produced from Federal leases and agreements for arms-length and non arms-length contracts. Due to the variety of situations in producing and marketing gas products, MMS's purpose is to provide a valuation procedure that closely reflects market conditions and allows royalty to be based upon information readily available to the lessee. The procedure will minimize the administrative burden on industry and MMS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

Additional Information: This rule was developed using the negotiated rulemaking process which included representatives of MMS, States, industry, and other interested parties. Public meetings were held in accordance with notices published in the Federal Register.

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RIN: 1010-AC02

1801. UPDATING DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Minerals Management Service

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regulations by incorporating new editions of documents that have already been incorporated into the regulations by reference. The new editions will continue to ensure that lessees use the best available and safest technologies while operating on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/95	60 FR 42819
NPRM Comment Period End	10/16/95	60 FR 42819
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC03

1802. FEES FOR LEASE ASSIGNMENTS AND PIPELINE RIGHTS OF WAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334; 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.160; 30 CFR 250.163; 30 CFR 256.64

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the requirements governing filing fees for pipeline right of way applications and assignments and lease transfers. By increasing the filing fees, MMS will recover the costs of processing these documents. The amendment also establishes that future changes in these filing fees will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index "U."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/11/95	60 FR 41034
NPRM Comment Period End	10/10/95	60 FR 41034
Final Action	06/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC04

1803. • LEASE EXTENSIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 4331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will change the regulations governing extension of lease terms in response to current economic conditions, potential delays in scheduling of drilling activities, and the increased use of three-dimensional seismic to supplement drilling activity. The changes would give more flexibility to lessees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1010-AC07

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Final Rule Stage

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1804. AMENDMENTS TO 30 CFR 250.67—HYDROGEN SULFIDE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.67

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the requirements for warning systems, personnel protection, hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and sulphur dioxide (SO₂) detection and monitoring. A recent equipment failure at an H₂S gas facility resulted in the flaring of gas containing high concentrations of H₂S, which resulted in the risk of exposure to high concentrations of H₂S and the discharge of large volumes of SO₂. As

a result of this incident, the current regulations are being revised to adequately address the flaring of gas containing H₂S. Since the revisions are extensive, the rule is being repropose.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/15/90	55 FR 33326
NPRM Comment Period End	10/15/90	55 FR 33326
NPRM	05/11/95	60 FR 25178
NPRM Comment Period End	07/10/95	
Final Action	09/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AB50

1805. CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

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CFR Citation: 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 10 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 USC 1339, requires that a lessee or payor under an offshore lease submit a request to Minerals Management Service (MMS) for recoupment or refund of an overpayment (credit adjustment) within 2 years of the date of the original payment. However, current law does not provide for a time limitation on credit adjustments under onshore Federal or Indian leases similar to that provided in the OCSLA. This rule would add a new provision entitled "Limitations on Credit Adjustments" which would restrict credit adjustments without prior authorization to payments due within 5 years before the date of the adjustments. The rule provides that MMS could authorize credit adjustments with respect to payments made more than 5 years but less than 10 years before the date of the adjustments. However, credit adjustments with respect to any payment made more than 10 years before the date of the adjustment would be prohibited.

The Debt Collection Act of 1982 (DCA), 31 USC 3716, allows Federal agencies to collect outstanding claims by administrative offset. The DCA instructs each agency to prescribe regulations before collecting a claim by administrative offset, of royalties, interest, or other amounts due under Federal and Indian oil, gas, and other mineral leases.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/93	58 FR 43588
NPRM Comment	11/01/93	58 FR 50301
Period End		
Final Action	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This rule now includes the material formerly contained in RIN 1010-AB74.

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RIN: 1010-AB73

1806. RESPONSE PLANS FOR FACILITIES SEAWARD OF THE COASTLINE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 33 USC 1321; EO 12777

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, August 18, 1992.

Abstract: Regulations are being developed to implement the authority of Minerals Management Service (MMS) under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. These regulations will address oil spill prevention and response in State submerged lands as well as in the Outer Continental Shelf. A nonregulatory alternative will not meet the mandate of the FWPCA as amended. The expected costs will depend on the extent to which existing practices in State and Federal waters meet the new mandated requirements. The expected benefits will be an assurance that oil spill prevention and response capability are being addressed on all facilities in both State and Federal waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/12/92	57 FR 36032
ANPRM Comment	10/28/92	
Period End		
Interim Final Rule	02/08/93	58 FR 7489
NPRM	01/13/95	60 FR 3177
NPRM Comment	03/14/95	
Period End		
Comment Period	03/14/95	60 FR 13652
Extended to	5/15/95	
Final Action	12/15/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AB81

1807. FLARING OR VENTING GAS AND BURNING LIQUID HYDROCARBONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334(j)

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.175

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: MMS regulations do not now address burning of liquid hydrocarbons. When the rules were written, liquid hydrocarbons were not burned and there was no need to address the subject. Economic changes, coupled with an increase in well test times and distances from shore, have caused some operators to ask to burn liquid hydrocarbons. Currently, MMS is citing its mandate to conserve resources to restrict this practice. However, to have clear regulatory backing for this policy, MMS is planning to issue a proposed rulemaking. This proposed rule will give the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed restrictions on burning liquid hydrocarbons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/17/95	60 FR 9312
NPRM Comment	04/18/95	
Period End		
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)
Minerals Management Service (MMS)
Long-Term Actions**1808. PAYOR RESPONSIBILITIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 211**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Responsibilities of Minerals Management Service include the collection of royalties, bonuses, rentals, and related revenues from Federal and Indian mineral leases. These monies are, for the most part, collected from the current designated payor on the lease. However, if MMS is unable to collect from the current payor, it must pursue collections from a prior payor(s), the lessee, or an assignee of the lease. Existing regulations are unclear as to the responsibilities and liabilities of the parties involved. Therefore, MMS is proposing to amend its regulations to clarify payor, lessee, and assignee requirements and responsibilities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/13/94	59 FR 17504
NPRM	06/09/95	60 FR 30492
Comment Period Extended to 1/8/96	08/30/95	60 FR 45112

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1010-AB45**1809. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING PRODUCTION PLATFORMS AND PIPELINES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The development of this rule resulted from the recommendation of a task force that examined many contributing causes to recent fatal accidents in the North Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. The task force identified areas where changes in regulations should be considered. This action considers changes to the regulations concerning better communication among personnel, protection of pipeline risers, safe fuel storage, and requirements of shutdown valves on depositing pipelines.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/23/90	55 FR 29860
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/21/90	
NPRM	05/16/94	59 FR 25377
NPRM Comment Period End	07/15/94	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1010-AB52**1810. VALUATION OF OIL AND GAS FROM INDIAN LEASES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The rule will amend the regulations governing the valuation of gas produced from Indian leases. The primary purpose of these amendments is to ensure that Indian mineral lessors

receive maximum revenues from mineral resources on their land consistent with the Department's trust responsibility and lease terms.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/04/94	59 FR 39712
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/03/94	

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Additional Information: This rule is being developed using the negotiated rulemaking process which will include representatives of MMS, Indian tribes, States, and industry. Notice of public meetings will be published in the Federal Register.

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RIN: 1010-AB57**1811. GAS MEASUREMENT AND COMMINGLING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1334; 30 USC 1711**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250.181; 30 CFR 250.182; 30 CFR 250.184**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule would amend and update regulations applicable to gas measurement, add a provision to an existing regulation that would clarify conditions under which surface commingling of gas would be approved, and add a new section to require measurement or estimation of gas volumes used on the leases or otherwise not saved for sale.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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Long-Term Actions

1812. ROYALTIES, RENTALS, BONUSES, AND OTHER MONIES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 396; 25 USC 2101; 25 USC 181; 25 USC 351; 25 USC 1701; 25 USC 9701; 25 USC 1301; 25 USC 1331; 25 USC 1801**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 218**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule implements changes in Treasury regulations that require agencies to use electronic collection and deposit of funds when cost effective, practical, and consistent with statutory authority. The rule will simplify industry's payments to MMS in compliance with the new Treasury requirements.**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Tribal**Agency Contact:** James W. Shaw, Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3000, Denver, CO 80225-0165
Phone: 303 231-3058**RIN:** 1010-AC01**1813. ALLOWANCES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GAS VALUATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 25 USC 396; 25 USC 2101; 25 USC 181; 25 USC

351; 25 USC 1001; 25 USC 1701; 25 USC 9701; 25 USC 1301; 25 USC 1331; 25 USC 1801

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule amends the regulations governing valuation for royalty purposes of gas produced from Federal and Indian leases. It primarily addresses allowances for transportation of gas. The amendments would clarify the methods by which gas royalties and deductions for gas transportation are calculated. The rule will also clarify changes required by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order 636 which has caused significant changes in the natural gas transportation industry.**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Tribal**Agency Contact:** James W. Shaw, Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, Room 3000, Denver, CO 80225-0165
Phone: 303 231-3058**RIN:** 1010-AC06**1814. • RELEASE OF THIRD PARTY PROPRIETARY INFORMATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 243**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This revision will allow MMS to provide appellants with documents containing proprietary information upon which assessments are based and which third parties furnished to MMS. This rule addresses only situations where MMS provides documents in administrative appeal. It does not address MMS providing any other type of document outside the administrative appeals process.**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** James W. Shaw, Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, PO Box 25165, Room 3000, Denver, CO 80225-0165
Phone: 303 231-3058**RIN:** 1010-AC08**1815. • VALUATION OF OIL FROM FEDERAL AND INDIAN MINERAL LEASES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 206**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will improve oil valuation and reporting procedures to reflect current oil selling arrangements in the oil and gas industry.**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Tribal**Agency Contact:** James W. Shaw, Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, PO Box 25165, Room 3000, Denver, CO 80225-0165
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